

A Public Meeting Announcement for the

COMMERCIAL FISHING WORKING GROUP

of the

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

On Friday May 16 the Sanctuary Advisory Council's Commercial Fishing Working Group will hold a public meeting in Santa Barbara. The meeting will focus on the Marine Life Protection Act process, possible decommissioning of local marine weather buoys, and global warming issues. All working group meetings are open to the public and interested parties are welcome.

The role of the Commercial Fishing Working Group is to advise and make recommendations to the Sanctuary Advisory Council regarding commercial fishing-related issues at the Channel Islands.

DATE: Friday, May 16, 2008

TIME: 3:30 to 5:30 pm

LOCATION: Waterfront Classroom, Santa Barbara Harbor, 125 Harbor Blvd., Santa Barbara (directions below)

AGENDA:

- 1. MLPA south of Pt. Conception on the coast, San Nicolas, Santa Catalina and San Clemente Islands.**
 - 1.1. Make-up of Southern Stakeholder Group
 - 1.2. Potential for change of existing northern island MPA design
- 2. Decommissioning of West Channel and Conception weather buoys**
 - 2.1. Possibilities for new funding
 - 2.2. Other solutions
- 3. CO₂, global warming and us**
 - 3.1. Channel carbon footprint
 - 3.2. Ocean acidification position

DIRECTIONS:

1. 101 South to CASTILLO exit, then RIGHT on CASTILLO,
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1. 101 North to BATH STREET exit, then first LEFT on HALEY and next LEFT on CASTILLO
2. Take CASTILLO until it ends at the waterfront
3. Turn RIGHT on CABRILLO BLVD.
4. Next LEFT on HARBOR WAY to enter the Santa Barbara Harbor

PARKING:

Free 75-minute parking is available throughout the Harbor complex. Or, take the first left after entering the Harbor, pass the kiosk, and use the pay lot.

FINDING THE MEETING ROOM:

The Waterfront Classroom at Santa Barbara Harbor is located within the third building within the Harbor complex, which also houses the Harbor Market. The meeting room is located on the second floor at the far west end of the building.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact: Commercial Fishing Working Group Chair Jim Marshall (jjmarsh@verizon.net).

SANCTUARY BACKGROUND:

Designated in 1980, the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS or Sanctuary) encompasses the four northern Channel Islands (San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz and Anacapa) and Santa Barbara Island off the coast of southern California. With marine boundaries extending from the mean high tide of the islands' shores to six nautical miles offshore, CINMS spans more than 1,100 square nautical miles. The Sanctuary supports a rich and diverse range of marine life and habitats, unique and productive oceanographic processes and ecosystems, and culturally significant resources such as hundreds of shipwrecks and submerged Chumash cultural artifacts. This diversity, along with the busy Santa Barbara Channel, also brings significant human use and value to Sanctuary waters, including commercial fisheries, recreational fishing opportunities, marine wildlife viewing, boating and other recreational activities, maritime shipping, nearby offshore oil and gas development, research and monitoring activities, and numerous educational activities. For more information about the Sanctuary, log on to <http://www.channelislands.noaa.gov/>.

The Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) is a 21 voting member body that brings together community members and representatives from various government agencies to advise the Sanctuary manager and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on management of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. With its expertise and diverse representation, the SAC offers advice on resource management issues and ensures that the Sanctuary manager has a wide range of viewpoints upon which to base management decisions. In order to better understand and address specific management issues, the Advisory Council extends its capacities by forming a variety of working groups. Working groups invite additional community members and experts to participate in the development of sound management advice for the Sanctuary. The SAC meets publicly every other month at locations throughout Ventura and Santa Barbara.